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November 4, 1997

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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Mr. Clifton A. Lake, Esquire McBride, Baker & Coles 500 West Madison Street 40th Floor Chicago, Illinois 60661-2511

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Dear Mr. Lake:

This letter is in follow-up to the meeting conducted on Monday, August 25, 1997, at the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("U.S. EPA") Region 5 Office in Chicago, Illinois, between the Fansteel Corporation and the U.S. EPA, regarding the June 17, 1997, "General Notice of Potential Liability" letter issued to the Fansteel Corporation by the U.S. EPA Region 5 Office.

As requested during that meeting I am enclosing two (2) copies of the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis ("EE/CA") for the Vacant Lot Site (aka the "Vulcan Louisville Smelting Company" Site), located in North Chicago, Lake County, Illinois. The EE/CA was prepared for the U.S. EPA Region 5 Office by Ecology and Environment, Inc., the U.S. EPA's contractor.

It was our understanding that the Fansteel Corporation would submit an EE/CA Workplan in accordance with the "General Notice of Potential Liability" letter within 30 days of receipt of the EE/CA. Therefore, I expect to receive your Work Plan by no later than Monday, December 8, 1997.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (312) 886-1477.

Sincerely,

John J. O'Grady

Remedial Project Manager

Superfund Division

Enclosures

cc: T. Krueger, U.S. EPA Region 5 Office of Regional Counsel

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